

BELLASERA

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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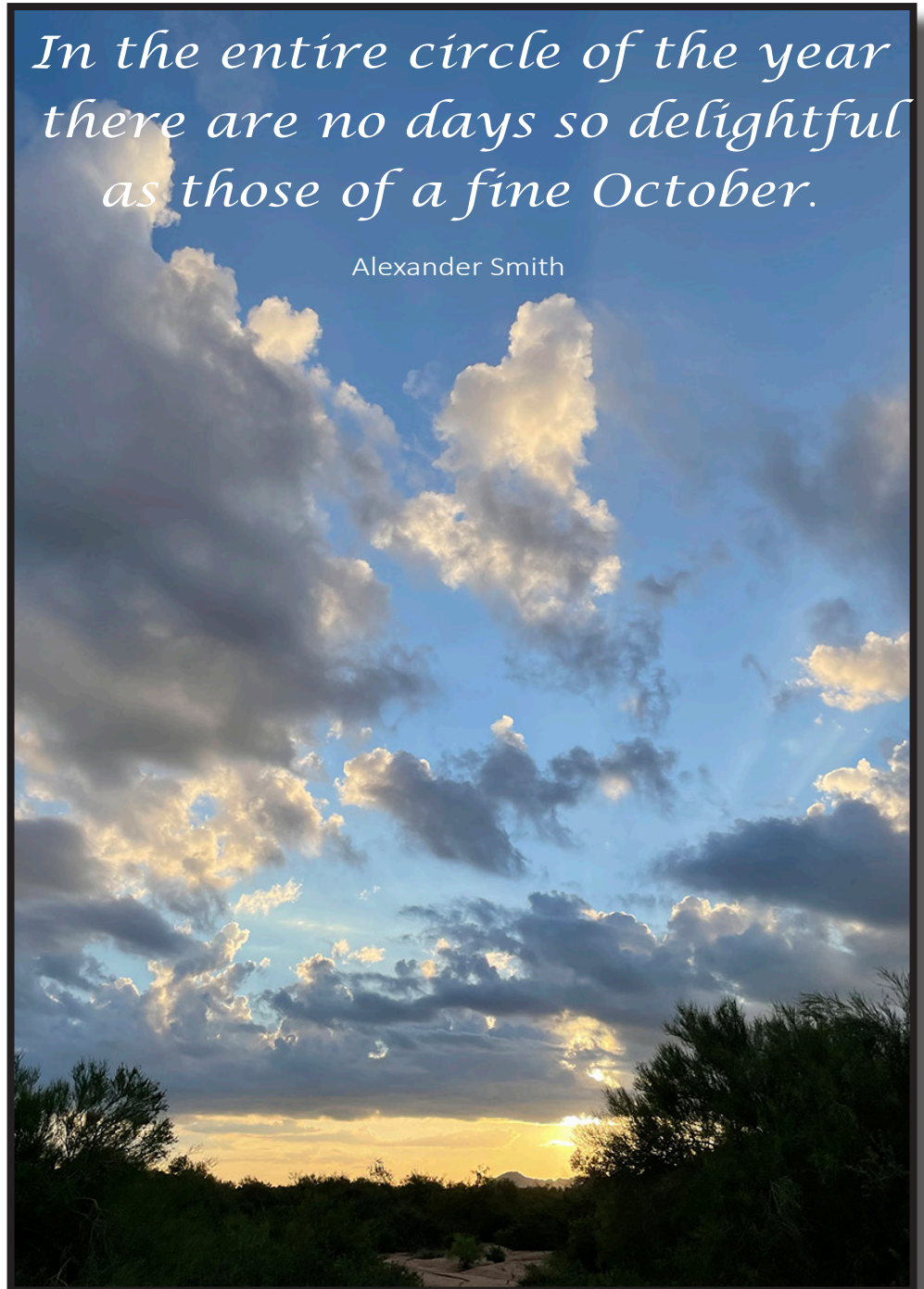
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*In the entire circle of the year
there are no days so delightful
as those of a fine October.*

Alexander Smith



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Clubhouse Corner

Scottsdale Brush & Bulk Trash Pickup

--by **Richard Hoffman**, Board President

Once each month (usually the last week of the month or the first week of the next month), the City of Scottsdale will pick up bulk trash and yard waste placed curbside in front of each home. Items accepted are discarded furniture, TVs (not tube), mattresses, tree limbs and branches, grass clipping and other plant material. Not accepted items include dirt, rocks, sand, concrete or other construction or remodel debris, chemicals and typical household generated trash. We publish the dates for the next scheduled Brush & Bulk Trash pickups in our Bellasera Newsletter.

Recently you may have noticed that Brush & Bulk Trash left out in front of homes in Bellasera last month remained curbside for several weeks on end. We have spoken to the City and they have indicated that recent delays are the result of staffing issues and the increased volumes of brush & bulk trash being discarded during the Covid-19 pandemic. This all causes the normal pickup 'windows' to be extended. They expect to return to a normal, more predictable schedule gradually.

New Regular Trash and Recycling Pickup Days

Beginning this November, the City of Scottsdale will be changing the weekly days for regular trash and recycling pickups.

Starting **Wednesday, November 3** and each Wednesday thereafter, Recyclables will be picked up curbside.

Beginning **Friday, November 5** and each Friday thereafter, regular trash will be picked up.

We will be sending out e-blast reminders as we get closer to those changes.

BELLASERA COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lone Mountain Road Cleanup: The next trash pick-up by Bellasera residents on Lone Mountain Road is planned for **Saturday, October 23, at 8:00 a.m.** It's been over a year since the last cleanup, so they'll be plenty of visual pollution to fill the bags. Communications Committee member **Keith Christian** will lead the group of Bellasera volunteers. If you'd like to join the effort, e-mail **editor@azbellasera.org**. All material will be furnished, and volunteers will be asked to sign a waiver form.

Book Club: Our first meeting of the season will be on **Wednesday, October 27 at noon** by the clubhouse. Looking forward to new suggestions for our reading lists and discussing our summer reads of *Hemingway* or *Mark Twain*. It will be great seeing old and new members. Any questions contact **Karen Moore, kkmoore40@yahoo.com**.

Bellasera Wine and Cheese: Unfortunately, we will not have a Wine and Cheese event in October. We will continue to watch the Covid numbers in hopes we can get this event restarted again in November or December. This is an extremely popular event, and it's a great way for us to meet and greet our neighbors. Also, we will be looking for people to host future Wine and Cheese events at either their home or at the clubhouse. We normally have done this event on the 3rd Friday of the month from 5 to 7 p.m. However, occasionally it has fallen to the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month. If you are willing to be a host, please contact **Tom or Dianna Saari, tksaari@aol.com, 408-218-5424**.

Building and Grounds: October meeting will be held at the clubhouse on **Tuesday, October 12, at 10 a.m.**

Roll Call — Recent Bellasera Veterans: Next month we plan to once again recognize Bellasera veterans. If you've moved here since November of last year and are a vet please e-mail editor@azbellasera.org. Indicate your name, branch of service, and dates served.

Our Neighborhood: Residents have noticed construction crews nearing completion of work on the south side of Lone Mountain Road, between 76th street and Hayden Road. This involves utility work installing power conduit for reaching a parcel now on the market. The parcel is on the southeast corner of Hayden & Lone Mountain, adjacent to Bellasera's eastern boundary.

Meeting Notices

Board of Directors will meet on **Thursday, October 21** at **1:00 p.m.**

Budget & Finance Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 26** at **1:00 p.m.**

Building & Grounds Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 12** at **10:00 a.m.**

Communications Committee will meet on **Wednesday, November 10** at **8:30 a.m.**

Modifications Committee will meet on **Tuesday, October 12** at **12:30 p.m.**. Modification applications must be received in the Community Manager's office no later than **Thursday, October 7** at **12 noon.**

September Weather in Bellasera

(September 1 - September 30)

Highest Temperature: **106 degrees**

Lowest temperature: **61 degrees**

Rainfall: **1.42 inches**

Rainfall this year: **12.47 inches**

Bellasera weather 24/7/365: **weather.azbellasera.org**

Bellasera Weather at a Touch

A free app for your iPhone, iPad, or Android phone. Provides instant Bellasera weather information at a touch! This app is available in the Apple App Store or Google play. In the App Store or Google play, search for "PWS Monitor" (no quotation marks). Install the free app. Touch the gear icon at the lower left of your display. The Settings screen will appear. Touch "Enter A Known Station ID" Enter "KAZSCOTT79" Touch OK.

That's it. More information, if required, is available by e-mail, editor@azbellasera.org

Newsletter Copy Deadline

If you have classified ads, meeting dates, or articles for publication, please e-mail to editor@azbellasera.org, or turn them in to the Association office no later than the **20th** of the month. The monthly newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee. The editor is **Keith Christian, 480-382-9310.**

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City of Scottsdale Brush & Bulk Collection

The City of Scottsdale will pick up brush and bulk items in the Bellasera community during the week of **Monday, October 4**, with the next pickup the week of **Monday, November 1**. Brush and bulk items to be picked up should be at curbside by 5 a.m. at the start of the week. It will be removed during the week. **Remember, here in Bellasera, items cannot be put out prior to Friday of the previous week.** For more information, contact Solid Waste Management, **480-312-5600.**

OCTOBER 2021

Bellasera Community Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Water Aerobics - 10 am	2 Pickelball Open play - 8 am
3	4 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	5 Poker - 7 pm	6 Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	7 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	8 Water Aerobics - 10 am	9 Pickelball Open play - 8 am
BULK PICK-UP WEEK						
10	11 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am COLUMBUS DAY	12 Poker - 7 pm Building & Grounds - 10 am Modifications Committee - 12:20 pm	13 Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	14 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	15 Water Aerobics - 10 am	16 Pickelball Open play - 8 am
17	18 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	19 Poker - 7 pm	20 Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	21 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Board Meeting - 1 pm	22 Water Aerobics - 10 am	23 Pickelball Open play - 8 am Lone Mountain Road Clean-up - 8:00 am
24	25 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am Water Aerobics - 10 am	26 Poker - 7 pm Budget & Finance - 1:00 pm	27 Pickelball Open play - 8 am Water Aerobics - 10 am Book Club - 12 noon	28 Indoor & Zoom Yoga - 8:30 am	29 Water Aerobics - 10 am	30 Pickelball Open play - 8 am
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Bellasera Rules Reminders

Trash and recycling containers: Trash and recycling containers may not be stored in the front area of any home and shall be placed in the pick up area no earlier than **5:00 p.m.** the day prior to pick up and removed no later than **11:59 p.m.** the day of pick up. Bulk trash shall be placed in the trash pickup area no earlier than three days prior to the designated beginning day of the week specified for bulk pickup by the City of Scottsdale.

Vehicle Parking: All vehicles must be parked in garages or driveways and not on the street, except temporarily. Disabled or unlicensed vehicles must be parked in an enclosed garage.

Contractors: Contractors will be allowed to work from **7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**. No contractors will be allowed to work on Sundays or major holidays except for an emergency.

Overnight Parking of Vehicles: Overnight parking of vehicles in the clubhouse parking lot will be allowed for no more than 72 hours and only with prior written permission from the community manager or the front gate attendant.

Source: Bellasera Community Guidelines (azbellasera.org, “Policies” page)

Lone Mountain & Scottsdale Road Traffic Control

--by Keith Christian

Bellasera residents have been concerned about the lack of a protected left turn signal from westbound Lone Mountain Road (LMR) to southbound Scottsdale Road (SR). According to **David Smith**, Scottsdale Senior Traffic Engineer, the City is aware of the issue and explained the rationale for possible changes and the status.

The City has made multiple recent adjustments to the signal timing at the intersection of SR/LMR in response to citizen feedback. Scottsdale Road is one of only a handful of north-south arterial roadway connections for North Scottsdale residents. Changing signal timing at SR/LMR can impact both upstream and downstream operations as well as “progression” along SR. Progression is the ability to travel the corridor (SR) while minimizing delay and stops.

When evaluating the request for installing protected turn arrows, variables such as collision history at the intersection, volumes and turning movement counts, and observations are all used to analyze the request.

For the intersection of SR/LMR, various City staff has done multiple recent observations in the field during the different times of day. Recent field reviews were conducted in March 2019, February and May 2021. The intersection is currently being monitored remotely through a Closed Circuit TV at the Scottsdale traffic operations center.

Protected turn arrows are not thought to be the optimal solution. Traffic engineers do not install left-turn arrows if the left-turn traffic is clearing consistently in one cycle, meaning one green light for the LM traffic. The City will continue to monitor and study the intersection as traffic patterns and volumes shift.



October in the Garden

by Joe McDade

Our Delightful Month of Change and Opportunity..... To Plant!

September, had its normal warm periods, but ushered in October with rain and cooler temperatures reminding us of the seven or eight months of a moderate, comfortable weather that we have ahead of us. And, more importantly, this month, considered the prime planting month, has been enhanced by our receptive, soft ground, thanks to the Monsoon and September

rains. So, **survey your garden** and **identify your needs** whether it is to **replace something** that isn't doing well or a **simple addition**. Give your garden some new life!

What To Plant

With temperatures having abated to a comfortable level and soil remaining sufficiently warm to promote seed germination and root growth, it is the ideal time to plant. Any plants put in the ground this month will have ample time to be well established before the summer heat returns.

What the best choices to plant? Almost anything including:

- *trees* • *shrubs* • *perennials* • *groundcover* • *vines* • *ornamental grasses* • *cacti*
- *succulents* • *wildflowers* • *cool-season veggies* • *herbs* • *flowers*

What Some Suggestions?

Shrubs- *They will give you an opportunity to add brilliant fall colors to your garden. Consider the following:*

Heavenly Bamboo - An Asian plant which turns bright red to red- orange in the fall.

Firebush - As the weather cools, leaves begin to turn a dark coppery red. They remain this color through the winter.

Beach Vitex - Before this deciduous shrub loses its leaves they turn a dusky purple-red.

Crape Myrtle - Coloring is variable, but most plants turn a reddish hue before they lose their leaves.

Mexican Jumping Bean - This hot weather loving shrub leaves turn a fiery red in late winter.

Copper-leaved Caesalpinia - The small leaves turn from a deep burnished red to a bright golden red through the winter.

Texas Sage – as I mentioned in previous columns, in the early development of Bellasera, Texas Sage was always included in a Landscapers list which is certainly borne out in driving around the neighborhood. It was an excellent choice as it has a lot of redeeming values. These plants are easy to care for, compact, drought-resistant and attractive bushes A profuse bloomer, Sage attracts hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, from late winter to early fall. Its blooms make excellent cut flowers, and its fragrant foliage has been known to repel pests. Some suggestions:

Chaparral Sage ▪ *Desert Sage* ▪ *Red Sage* ▪ *White Sage*

Citrus Trees- Right now there is a wide selection of citrus available in our local nurseries (and COSTCO); orange, grapefruit, tangerine, etc. Citrus are easy to plant as you simply have to remember to prepare a hole no deeper than the plant's root ball but at least twice the width of their containers. This promotes root growth out into the native soil. **Remember: Only dwarf citrus trees are allowed in Bellasera.** These will still provide you with plenty of

fruit.

Herbs- Growing herbs are really very easy. If you prefer not to dig, most of them can be easily grown in pots. Also, “starter pots” are available at most grocery stores at a reasonable price.

Sow seeds for:

- borage •caraway •chamomile •chervil •chives •cilantro •dill •fennel
- lemon •balm •parsley •salad burnet •sorrel •horehound

Transplant:

- marjoram •mint •oregano •rosemary •thyme •sage.

Cool-Season Vegetables- Why do we call them cool season veggies? They respond to short days and cool nights and they are grown from September through April. In the September column, I included a detailed list of which cool season veggies to plant and when to plant them. You can find the column archived at www.azbellasera.org.

Miscellaneous Tasks

Roses- Resume full fertilizing of established roses as the weather cools.

Citrus- Late summer application of nitrogen fertilizer will help fruit sizing. This is more significant for fall ripening (navel oranges and tangerines) than spring-ripening (grapefruit and Valencia oranges).

Deciduous Fruit Trees- Prune the water sprouts.

Landscape Plants- Cut off spent blooms to stimulate rebloom.

Weed Control- Pre-emergent herbicides can be applied from October through early December for winter weed control. Follow the package directions carefully for best results. Do not use pre-emergent herbicides where you will be planting seeds this season.

Mesquite Trees- If your Mesquite trees are looking tall and scraggly, take action now to do some corrective pruning.

Brighten up Your Winter Surroundings....Bring Color to Your Patio

If you planted summer annuals, now is the time to think about replacing them with winter flowers. If you didn't plant summer flowers, think about adding color to your surroundings this winter with some flower beds (preferably in pots) as the nurseries will be packed with glorious selections in every size, color, and shape. Below, is my annual list of suggestions with color info along with guidance on **where to plant them** (sun, shade, etc.), Remember, fall flowers need to establish their roots in warm soils. So, starting them now gets a healthy root system developed before the cool fall and cooler winter slows them down.

- Alyssum:** A low growing border plant in white, pink or purple. Full sun to light partial shade.
- Begonia:** Gives masses of color in shady spots, red, pink or white in dark leafed varieties, or a mixture of colors in green leafed types.
- Calendula:** Yellow or orange flowers with dark centers, makes excellent cut flowers. Needs sun.
- Chrysanthemum paludosum:** Miniature daisy flowers cover this low growing annual in a cloud of white. Use for sunny borders.
- Dianthus:** An array of reds, pinks, violets and white adorn these specially selected Sweet Williams. Sun or partial shade.
- Dusty Miller:** A foliage plant with silver colored leaves. Full sun to partial shade.
- Geranium:** Available in a rainbow of colors. Full sun to partial shade.
- Linaria:** Covered in mini snapdragon-shaped flowers of blue, yellow or red. Full sun.
- Lobelia:** Arizona's favorite border plant for sun or partial shade. Deep purple, blue, rose, lilac and mixed colors.
- Ornamental Kale:** Great foliage color in predominately purple or white. Full sun.

- **Pansy and Viola:** The most popular flower for fall and winter, these hardy free blooming plants are available in a wide variety of colors to suit any décor. Pick a sunny spot for best results. Violas will take light shade.



- **Petunia:** Reds, pinks, whites, burgundy and blues. Full sun.



- **Poppies and Primroses:** These favorites will be ready for you when the weather starts to turn cold. Iceland poppies for bright sunny spots and traditional primrose for shady areas.
- **Stock:** Harmony and Trisomic varieties are very fragrant and make tremendous cut flowers. Midgets make excellent border plants. Full sun.

Baseball -Baseball playoffs get underway in October, so I thought a few quotes would be apropos:

“All I remember about my wedding day in 1967 is that the Cubs lost a doubleheader” George Will

“I love pumpkin pie ala mode with ice cream” Yogi Berra

(If you have a gardening question, please contact the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Service at <https://extension.arizona.edu/maricopamg>)

Bellasera Classifieds

Bellasera Residents: The Kiwanis Club of Carefree can pick up your unwanted furniture, clothing and household goods. All items will be sold in our Marketplace resale store in Cave Creek. Proceeds go to support kids in our local school district. Contributions may be tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Call **480-488-8400** for information and to schedule an appointment. Thanks for your support.

Caring Corps Charity in Carefree annual golf event fund raiser on **Monday, December 13** at Mirabel Golf Club. Sponsorships, donations, volunteers are needed. To help, go to **foothillscaringcorps.com**, or call **480-488-1105**.

Notary Services are available from a Bellasera neighbor. Contact **ken@strobeck.com** or text **602-501-4989**.

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NEW TRASH PICK-UP DAYS:

Beginning **November 01, 2021**, Bellasera residents will have a new trash/recycle pick-up day.

New Trash Day: **FRIDAY**

New Recycling Day: **WEDNESDAY**

The primary reason for this day of service change is to improve efficiency and make it easier to process recyclables. Current trash and recycling routes have become unbalanced due to the growth of Scottsdale. The new collection schedule is based on the number of homes on a route and the amount/weight of solid waste and recycling collected.